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1. There reportedly is much despair among high-ranking UDB officials in Ljubljana, Slovenia, inasmuch as they foresee the beginning of the dissolution of the TITO regime in Yugoslavia. These UDB leaders, one of whom is a member of the Politburo of the Communist Party for Slovenia, are said to be convinced that Yugoslavia will not be able to remain neutral much longer in the East - West struggle, and in their opinion the abandoning of the policy of neutrality would be the first step toward the collapse of the TITO regime.
2. One UDB official was heard to remark that in the event of an armed conflict with the Soviet Union, TITO and a few leaders could easily escape to the West if circumstances demanded it. This official believes, however, that UDB personnel, the main target of the invader, would be forced to remain in the country with little chance of escape or hope of survival.
3. The marked increase in heavy drinking among UDB leaders in Ljubljana is allegedly attributed to rising concern for their own future and that of the regime.

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